SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 818

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Laura Rose Love, 2008 Valedictorian of Covenant Christian Academy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Laura Rose Love is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Covenant Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Love has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Laura Love has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while participating in a number of extracurricular activities including prom committee, worship leader, teaching and taking piano lessons, exhibit educator at Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies, Editor of the yearbook, and Student Council President; and

WHEREAS, her scholastic achievements have been duly noted through her selection as a participant in the Tennessee Governor's School for Teaching, Smoky Mountain Youth Leadership, and as a recipient of the Covenant Christian Academy Scholar award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Love is a gifted athlete who has demonstrated tremendous skill as a member of the varsity basketball and volleyball teams, both of which she has served as Captain; and

WHEREAS, a kind-hearted person who is always willing to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate than herself, Laura Love has selflessly volunteered her time and talents to Appalachian Outreach, Habitat for Humanity, Knox Area Rescue Ministries, Evergreen Church, and mission trips; and

WHEREAS, Laura's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success at Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Georgia, where she plans to pursue a degree in elementary education; and

WHEREAS, Laura Love's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Richard and Jennifer Love, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Laura Love's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Covenant Christian Academy Valedictorian, Laura Rose Love, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

- 2 - 01511951